

## **Eurasia Cup, October 19-20, Erevan, Armenia**

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Armenian kudo federation has hosted KIF approved Eurasia Cup in the capital of Erevan on October 19-20.

During the event Erevan has welcome representative teams from 13 countries: Armenia, Australia, Czech, France, Georgia, India, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta and Russia. This tournament became very important event as KIF clearly manifested that it disapproves discrimination in any form and is ready to give opportunities to practice Kudo and compete in international events to its members from any country regardless of political disposition. This time the competition gathered participants from many European and Asian countries and even from such a distant destination as Australia. This event also became a chance for athletes from Russia to reengage into KIF international competition scene.

Junior and Adult athletes competed in 29 weight divisions and though fighters from Russia dominated in the most of divisions the competition was very intense and there were no easy victories. The appearance on the stage promising athletes from such countries as India, Iran, Kazakhstan and Australia revealed the growth of Kudo worldwide and guaranteed interesting and fierce rivalry in future KIF international tournaments.



